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WHEREAS, home care and hospice services allow families to stay together, and provide for greater health, dignity and comfort in their own homes; and

WHEREAS, home care and hospice in the United States are a growing alternative to hospitalization or other institution-based forms of health care for acute and chronic illnesses, providing care to thousands of Vermonters and millions of Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of home care and hospice nurses, therapists and aides work tirelessly to provide professional health and palliative care and support to thousands of Vermonters in need of quality health services; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated home care and hospice professionals and volunteers form a support network that continues to play a vital role in health care delivery for Vermont's disabled, infirm and aging population; and

WHEREAS, the Vermont Assembly of Home Health & Hospice Agencies and thousands of home care agencies across the United States have declared the month of November 2012 as National Home Care and Hospice Month and are calling on all Vermonters to observe these occasions with appropriate ceremonies and activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 2012 as

HOME CARE AND HOSPICE MONTH

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in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 15th day of November, A.D. 2012.

Peter Shumlin Governor